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Dear Dr. Henney,

I'm one Senior citizen who is concerned about the unnecessary and overuse of antibiotics in agriculture. The medical community has become alarmingly aware of the consequences of over use of antibiotics with humans as a cure-all. The result has created bacteria strains that are immune to penicillin and other formerly effective antibiotics.

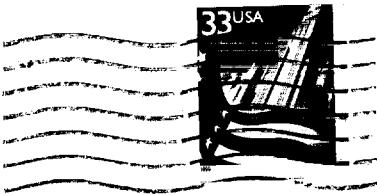
In agriculture most of the antibiotics are used in feed for poultry, hogs and cattle to promote growth and prevent disease and not to treat sick animals.

I fear this indiscriminate and non-essential use of antibiotics in agriculture dangerously increases the possibility that these antibiotics and other closely related ones will be ineffective when needed to treat people.

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Q9P-DH85 I feel it is the responsibility and solemn duty of the FDA to find ways to quickly curtail the overuse of antibiotics in both the medical and agricultural industries, protest howls notwithstanding.

Sincerely, Don Williams



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